(d) if so, the action taken against these operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) All the Basic Private Service Operators (BPSOs), who were issued licence in 1997, have migrated to Unified Access Service Licence (UASL) in November 2003. According to the guidelines of UASL, there is no requirement of mandatory coverage of rural areas under the migrated UASL licence.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Common telephone directory

2488. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and TRAI would explore the possibility of having one telephone enquiry number for all landline phones in a city or State;

(b) whether the concept of a common telephone directory has been explored;

(c) whether Government would ensure that public have easy access to enquire all phone numbers of all telecom companies in a city or State;

(d) the status of efforts to evolve a common telecom directory in public interest; and

(e) the reasons for regulating this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) The proposal is under consideration in the Department of Telecommunications.

Fund for benefit of telephone subscribers

2489. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TRAI has constituted a fund for the benefit of Telephone subscribers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the sources of finance for the fund;

(d) whether Government have made any initial contribution to the fund; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has established the Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund.

(b) The Fund has been established through issue of a Regulation, *viz.*, "Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund Regulations, 2007" (6 of 2007) dated 15th June, 2007 in Gazette of India.

(c) Any amount charged from the subscriber in excess of the rates of telecommunication services determined under any regulation or order or direction made under the TRAI Act or amount in excess of the rates announced by the service providers, where the rates have been notified under market forbearance and which could not be refunded to the concerned subscribers and thus lying as unclaimed with the service providers, shall constitute the corpus of the Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund Regulations, 2007 do not provide for Government funding.

Incomplete projects under NLCPR

2490. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects received from different States of North Eastern Region for being taken up under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) the names of those projects which have been completed, sanctioned but not completed, retained but not sanctioned, State-wise (with the year proposals); and

(c) in what way Government proceed to expedite the works of the projects which remain incomplete at different stages?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Under the Scheme of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) the State Governments of the North Eastern Region submit prioritized project proposals annually to the Ministry for the Development of the North Eastern Region (MDONER). These lists are available on the website of MDONER *(www.mdoner.gov.in)* under the head of 'NLCPR'. State-wise they can be seen under sub head: "b. Priority List of Projects".

(b) These details are also available on the Ministry's website under the head of "NLCPR"and State-wise sub head: "d. Retained Projects".

(c) Almost all the projects sanctioned under NLCPR are implemented by the State Governments concerned. In order to enhance the pace of implementation of these projects by the North-Eastern States, the Ministry is using following mechanism/processes:

(i) Project-wise progress of implementation is reviewed on the basis of Quarterly Progress Reports (QPR).